MONROE TOWNSHIP NEWAYGO COUNTY, MICHIGAN AUDIT REPORT MARCH 31, 2004

AUDITING PROCEDURES REPORT

Issued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended. Filing is mandatory. County Local Government Name Local Government Type NEWAYGO MONROE TOWNSHIP Other X Township Village Clty Date Accountant Report Submitted to State: Opinion Date Audit Date June 20. 2004 MAY 25. MARCH 31,2004 We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government From Property in Michigan DEPT. OF TREASURY Department of Treasury. 1. We have complied with the Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan as revised. We affirm that: LOCAL AUDIT & FINANCE DIV. 2. We are certified public accountants registered to practice in Michigan. We further affirm the following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the report of comments and recommendations You must check the applicable box for each item below. 1. Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are excluded from the financial statements. 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained X no yes earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980). 3. There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of no X yes 1968, as amended). 4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act. X no ∐ yes 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]). yes 6. The local unit has been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing X no yes unit. 7. The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and X no yes the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year). 8. The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of X no ves 1995 (MCL 129.241). 9. The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as required by P.A. 196 of 1997 (MCL 129.95). Not: To Be Required Forwarded Enclosed We have enclosed the following: The letter of comments and recommendations. X Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits). X X Single Audit Reports (ASLGU). Certified Public Accountant (Firm Name) KIRKPATRICK TERRY State ZIP City Street Address 49307 MI RIG RAPIDS 211 Accountant Signature

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Independent Auditor's Report

May 25, 2004

To the Honorable Supervisor and Members of the Township Board of the Township of Monroe, Newaygo County, Michigan:

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Township of Monroe, Newaygo County, Michigan as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004 as listed on the contents page. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement for presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The scope of our audit did not include verification of the fund balances at April 1, 2003.

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustment, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to determine the validity of beginning fund balances, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Township of Monroe, Newaygo County, Michigan. This additional information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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Monroe Township – Newaygo County, Michigan Combined Balance Sheet All Fund Types and Account Groups March 31, 2004

		Governmental Fund Types	ntal <u>Ses</u>	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Totals
		General	Special Revenue	Current <u>Tax</u>	General Fixed Assets	(Memorandum <u>Only)</u>
ASSETS						
Cash in Bank - Checking	69	49,451 \$	54,461	\$ 3,266	0	\$ 107,178
Due from Current Tax Fund	•	3,266	0	0	0	3,266
Due from Newaygo County		1,308	3,199	0	0	4,507
Land		C	0	0	300	300
Building - Township Hall		0	0	0	25,931	25,931
Building - Cemetery		0	0	0	481	481
Office Equipment		0	0	0	4,224	4,224
Machinery and Equipment		0	0	0	2,562	2,562
Voting Booth		0	0	0	184	184
Total assets	69	54,025 \$	57,660	\$ 3,266	\$ 33,682	\$ 148,633
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Payroll Taxes Payable	⊌	317 \$	0	0 \$	0	\$ 317
Due to General Fund		0	0	3,266	0	3,266
Investment in General Fixed Assets		0	0	0	33,682	33,682
Fund Balance		53,708	57,660	0	0	111,368
Total liabilities and fund equity	S	54,025 \$	57,660	\$ 3,266 \$	33.682	\$ 148,633

The "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of these statements.

Monroe Township — Newaygo County, Michigan
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance — All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

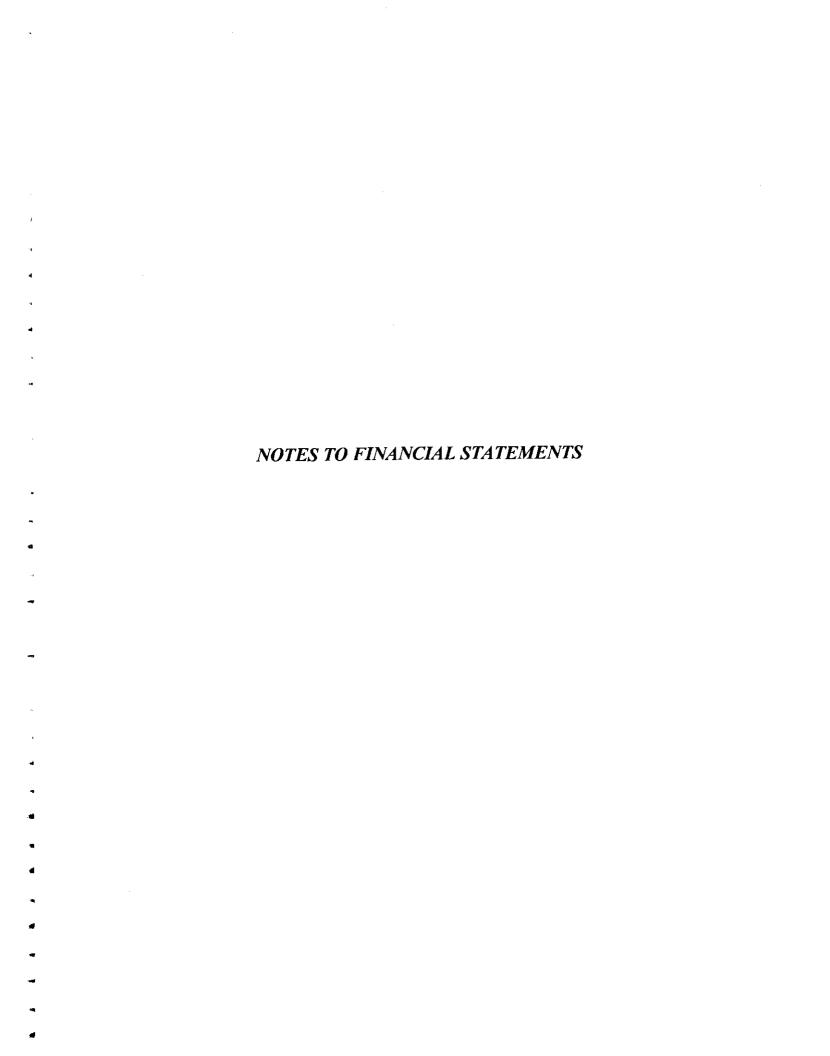
REVENUES		Government General	al F	und Types Special Revenue	(M	Totals emorandum Only)
Taxes	\$	12,337	\$	23,821	\$	36,158
Licenses and Permits	•	520	•	0	-	520
State Grants		24,211		0		24,211
Charges for Service		0		2,000		2.000
Interest and Rents		386		0		386
Other Revenues		2,333		926		3,259
Total revenues		39,787		26,747		66,534
EXPENDITURES						
Legislative		2,826		0		2,826
General Government		18,182		6,190		24,372
Public Safety		1,747		11,005		12,752
Public Works		0		5,400		5,400
Other Functions		5,787		0		5,787
Total expenditures		28,542		22,595		51,137
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		11,245		4,152		15,397
FUND BALANCE - April 1, 2003		42,463		53,508		95,971
FUND BALANCE - March 31, 2004	\$	53,708	\$	57,660	\$	111,368

The "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of these statements.

Monroe Township — Newaygo County, Michigan Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance — Budget and Actual — All Annually Budgeted Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

			General Fund	þ		Spe	Special Revenue Funds	ne Fun	Sp	
		I		Variance Favorable	nce able				Variance Favorable	
REVENUES	B	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	(Unfavorable)		Budget	Actual	ਬ	(Unfavorable)	
Taxes	⇔	\$ 089'6	12	⇔	2,657 \$	24,736	\$ 23,821	21 \$	(915)	
Licenses and Permits		0	520		520	0		0	0	
State Grants		20,000	24,211		4,211	0		0	0	
Charges for Service		0	0		0	0	2,000	00	2,000	
Interest and Rents		0	386		386	0		0	0	
Other Revenues		4,200	2,333		(1,867)	0	6	926	926	
Total revenues		33,880	39,787		5,907	24,736	26,747	47	2,011	
EXPENDITURES										
Legislative		3,350	2,826		524	0		0	0	
General Government		18,261	18,182		79	7,232	6,190	06	1,042	
Public Safety		1,860	1,747		113	12,000	11,005	05	995	
Public Works		0	0		0	5,700	5,400	90	300	
Other Functions		7,400	5,787		1,613	0		0	0	
Total expenditures		30,871	28,542		2,329	24,932	22,595	95	2,337	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		3,009	11,245		8,236	(196)	4,152	52	4,348	
FUND BALANCE - April 1, 2003		42,463	42,463		0	53,508	53.508	80	0	
. "	↔	45,472 \$	53,708	∽	8,236 \$	53,312	\$ 57,660	\$ 09	4,348	

The "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of these statements.



NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 "The Financial Reporting Entity", these financial statements present Monroe Township. The criteria established by the GASB for determining the reporting entity includes oversight responsibility, fiscal dependency, and whether the financial statements would be misleading if data were not included.

Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Township are organized and operated on the basis of funds and account groups. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds are maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements. Account groups are a reporting device to account for certain assets and liabilities of the governmental funds not recorded in those funds.

The financial activities of Monroe Township are recorded in separate funds and account groups categorized as follows:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

General Fund

This fund is used to account for all financial resources except those provided for in another fund. Revenues are primarily derived from property taxes, State and Federal aid, and charges for services to provide for the administration and operation of: (1) general local governmental departments and boards and commissions. (2) court systems, (3) law enforcement and (4) health, welfare and medical assistance. The fund includes the general operating expenditures of the local unit.

Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for specific revenue (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) derived from State and Federal grants, General Fund appropriations and charges for services which are to be expended for specific purposes as dictated by legal, regulatory or administrative requirements.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Trust and Agency Funds

These funds account for assets held by a governmental unit in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units and/or other funds. These include: (a) Expendable Trust Funds; (b) Nonexpendable Trust; (c) Pension Trust Fund; and (d) Agency Funds.

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Basis of Presentation - Continued

ACCOUNT GROUPS

General Fixed Assets Account Group

This Account Group presents the fixed assets of the Township utilized in its general operations (nonproprietary fixed assets).

Fixed assets used in the general operation of the Township are recorded as expenditures when purchased and are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. No depreciation is recorded for these general fixed assets. Infrastructure assets, including roads, bridges, sanitary sewers, drains, curbs, and gutters are not capitalized.

Basis of Accounting

The accrual basis of accounting is used by the Proprietary Funds, Pension Trust Funds, and Nonexpendable Trust Funds. The modified-accrual basis of accounting is used by all Governmental Funds, Agency Funds and Expendable Trust Funds. Revenue and other sources are recognized in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual – that is when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period. Expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred. Modifications from the accrual basis are as follows:

a. Property tax revenue should be recognized in accordance with MCGAA Statement 3:

Properties are assessed as of December 31 and their related property taxes are billed and liened on December 1 of the following year. These taxes are due on February 14 with the final collection date of February 28 before they are added to the county delinquent tax rolls.

- b. Interest income on special assessments receivable is not accrued until its due date.
- c. Interest expense on bonded indebtedness and other long-term debt is not accrued until its due date.
- d. Payments for inventoriable types of supplies are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase.
- e. Normally, expenditures are not divided between years by the recording of prepaid expenses.

Budgetary Data

The Township follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. At the Board meeting in March, the Supervisor submits to the Township Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following April 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures for the General and Special Revenue Funds.
- 2. Public hearings are conducted at the Township Hall to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. Prior to March 31, the budget is legally enacted on a departmental (activity) basis through passage of a resolution.
- 4. Budget appropriations lapse at year-end except for approved contracts and certain federal grants, which are appropriated on a contract (grant) or entitlement-length basis.

Monroe Township – Newaygo County, Michigan Notes to Financial Statements - continued

For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Current Taxes

The 2003 taxable valuation of Monroe Township totaled \$8.010,741, on which ad valorem taxes levied consisted of .8945 mills for Monroe Township operating purposes, 1.4280 mills for fire protection, .2379 mills for cemetery, .3569 mills for Township hall and .9520 mills for roads. These amounts are recognized in the respective General Fund and Special Revenue Funds.

Total Column on Combined Statements - Overview

The total column on the Combined Statements is captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that it is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation because interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE B – DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

Assets and Liabilities

Changes in General Fixed Assets

	_	Balance /1/2003	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance 3/31/2004
Land	\$	300	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 300
Building - Township Hall		25,931	0	0	25,931
Building - Cemetery		481	0	0	481
Office Equipment		4,224	0	0	4,224
Machinery & Equipment		2,562	0	0	2,562
Voting Booth		184	0	0	184
-	\$	33,682	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 33,682

NOTE C - BALANCE SHEET - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits are carried at cost. Deposits are in one financial institution in the name of Monroe Township. Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes Monroe Township to deposit and invest in the accounts of Federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations. Investments can also be made in bonds, securities and other obligations of the United States, or an agency or instrumentality of the United States; certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts or depository receipts of a financial institution; repurchase agreements consisting of bonds, securities and other obligations of the United States or an agency or instrumentality of the United States; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; or Michigan obligations or any of its political subdivisions that at the time of purchase are rated as investment grade by not less than one standard rating service. Michigan law prohibits security in the form of collateral, surety bonds, or other forms for the deposit of public money. Attorney General's Opinion No. 6168 states that public funds may not be deposited in financial institutions located in states other than Michigan, unless the bank has a branch office located in Michigan. The Monroe Township deposits are in accordance with statutory authority.

Monroe Township – Newaygo County, Michigan

Notes to Financial Statements - continued For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 3 risk disclosure for deposits at year-end are as follows:

Bank Balance

·	Primary
<u>Deposits</u>	Government
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 100,000
Uninsured	8,986
	\$ 108,986

At year-end, the balance sheet carrying amount of deposits was \$107,178.

NOTE D - RISK FINANCING

Monroe Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft of, damage to, and the destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; liability; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims for these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage for the past two years.

COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Monroe Township – Newaygo County, Michigan Special Revenue Funds Combining Balance Sheet March 31, 2004

	Fire <u>Fund</u>	(Cemetery <u>Fund</u>	-	Гоwnhall <u>Fund</u>	Road <u>Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
ASSETS							
Cash in Bank - Checking Due from Newaygo County	\$ 28,068 1,536	\$	4,315 255	\$	4,165 384	\$ 17,913 1,024	\$ 54,461 3,199
Total assets	\$ 29,604	\$	4,570	\$_	4,549	\$ 18.9 37	\$ 57,660
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	_						
Fund Balance	\$ 29.604	\$	4,570	\$	4,549	\$ 18,937	\$ 57,660

Monroe Township — Newaygo County, Michigan Special Revenue Funds Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

	Fire <u>Fund</u>	C	emetery <u>Fund</u>	ownhall <u>Fund</u>	Road Fund	Totals
REVENUES						
Taxes	\$ 11,437	\$	1,903	\$ 2,857	\$ 7,624	\$ 23,821
Charges for Service	0		2,000	0	0	2,000
Other Revenue	0		0	926	0	926
Total revenues	 11,437		3,903	3,783	7,624	26,747
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	0		1,800	4,390	0	6,190
Public Safety	11,005		0	0	0	11,005
Public Works	0		0	0	5,400	5,400
Total expenditures	11,005		1,800	4,390	5,400	22,595
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER						
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	432		2,103	(607)	2,224	4,152
FUND BALANCE - April 1, 2003	29.172		2,467	5,156	16,713	53,508
FUND BALANCE - March 31, 2004	\$ 29,604	\$	4,570	\$ 4,549	\$ I8,937	\$ 57.660

Monroe Township - Newaygo County, Michigan

Fire Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual

For the Year Ended March 31, 2004	For the Year Ended I	March (31, 2	<i>J</i> 04
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	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	Far	riance vorable avorable)
REVENUES				
Taxes				
Current property tax	\$ 12,000	\$ 11,437	\$	(563)
EXPENDITURES				
Public Safety				
Fire department				
Contracted services	 12,000	11,005	_	995
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER				
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	432		432
FUND BALANCE - April I, 2003	 29,172	29,172		0
FUND BALANCE - March 31, 2004	\$ 29,172	\$ 29,604	\$	432

Monroe Township — Newaygo County, Michigan Cemetery Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance — Budget and Actual For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

REVENUES	Budget		<u>Actual</u>	Fa	ariance vorable <u>avorable)</u>
Taxes Current property tax	\$ 2,232	\$	1,903	\$	(329)
Charges for Service Cemetery lot sales Total revenues	 2,232	_	2,000 3,903		2,000 1,671
EXPENDITURES					
General Government Cemetery Contracted services	 		1,800		432
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0		2,103		2,103
FUND BALANCE - April 1, 2003 FUND BALANCE - March 31, 2004	\$ 2,467 2,467	\$	2,467 4,570	\$	2,103

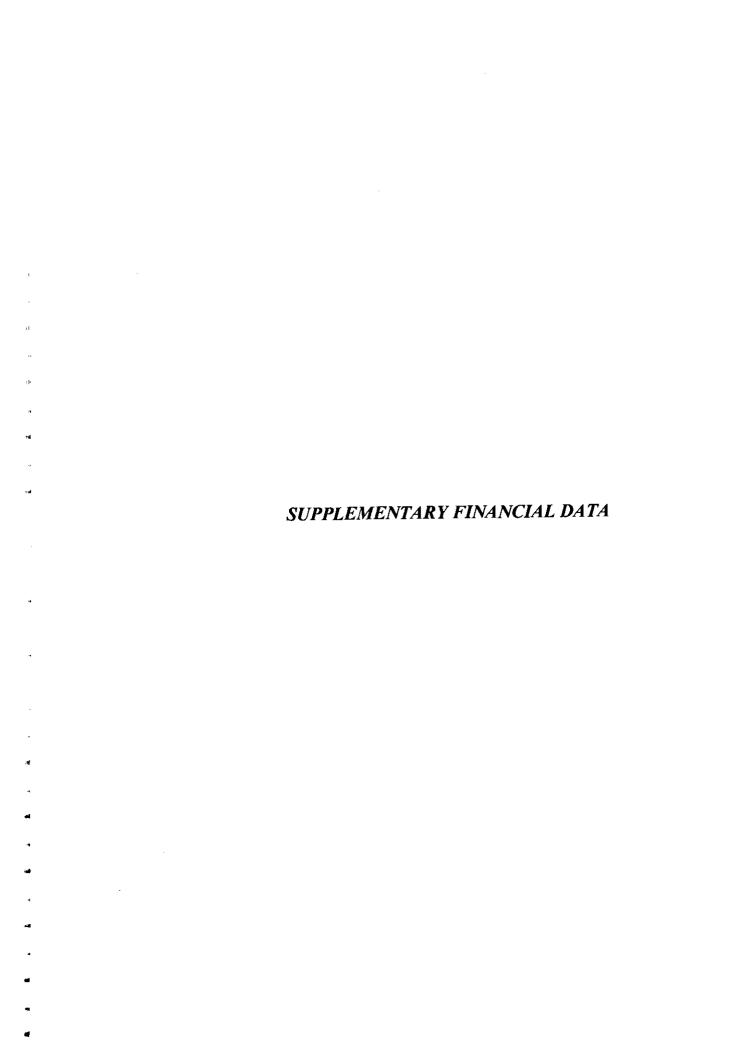
Monroe Township — Newaygo County, Michigan Townhall Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance — Budget and Actual For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

		Budget	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$	4,804 \$	2,857	\$ (1,947)
Current property tax				
Other Revenue				
Other		0	926	926_
Total revenues		4,804	3,783	(1,021)
EXPENDITURES				
General Government				
Building and grounds				
Miscellaneous			885	
Contracted services			175	
Utilities			1,780	
Repair and maintenance			1,550	
Total expenditures	-	5,000	4,390	610
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER				
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(196)	(607)	(411)
FUND BALANCE - April 1, 2003		5,156	5,156	0_
FUND BALANCE - March 31, 2004	\$	4,960 \$	4,549	\$ (411)

Monroe Township – Newaygo County, Michigan Road Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	j	Variance Favorable <u>Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES				
Taxes Current property tax	\$ 5,700	\$ 7,624	\$	1,924
EXPENDITURES				
Public Works Highways, streets and bridges Contracted services	 5,700	5,400		300
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	2,224		2,224
FUND BALANCE - April 1, 2003 FUND BALANCE - March 31, 2004	\$ 16,713 16,713	\$ 16,713 18,937	\$	2,224



Monroe Township – Newaygo County, Michigan General Fund Detail Schedule of Actual Expenditures

For the Year Ended March 31	, 2004
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LEGISLATIVE	
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Township Board	\$ 2,111
Salaries and wages	\$ 2,111 55
Office supplies	384
Printing and publishing	276
Memberships and dues	\$ 2,826
Total legislative	<u> </u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Supervisor	
Salaries and wages	\$ 3,300
Elections	
Salaries and wages	550
Statute and Huges	
Assessor	
Contracted services	3,000
Clerk	
Salaries and wages	3,500
Office supplies	491
Contracted services	300
Travel	363
Miscellaneous	50
Total clerk	4,704
Board of review	
Salaries and wages	600
Treasurer	3,550
Salaries and wages	673
Office supplies Contract services	1,432
Travel	373
Total treasurer	6,028
Total general government	\$ 18,182
	
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Zoning and Planning	
Salaries and wages	\$ 1,690
Office supplies	\$ 1,747
Total public safety	<u>\$</u> 1,747

Monroe Township – Newaygo County, Michigan General Fund

Detail Schedule of Actual Expenditures- Continued For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

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Insurance and Bonds Insurance	\$ 4,659	
Payroll Taxes	1 128	
Social security and medicare	1,128_	_
Total other functions	\$5,787_	

Monroe Township – Newaygo County, Michigan Current Tax Fund Statement of 2003 Tax Levy – Receipts and Disbursements For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

			2003 Tax Levy	Taxes	Total	
	Rate in	Taxable	Taxes	Returned	Tax	
	Mills	Valuation	Levied	Delinquent	Collected	
Victorial County	7.0684 \$	8.010,741	\$ 56,613	\$ 7,605	\$ 49,008	
Newaygo County		8,010,741		4,507	26,477	_
Monroe Lownship Dia Jackson Schools						
Dig Javasun Schools Digitalise & City	2.8466	968,345	2,756	799	1,957	
Dunding & Site Operating	16.2958	408,132	5,948	924	5,02	
White Cloud Schools	0036.00	6 074 308	\$0.117	5.761	44,351	
Debt Onerating	8.2300 18.0000	3,938,077	70,884	6,688	64,196	٠.
Big Rapids Schools				Š	00 \	
Debt	7.0000	866'198	9116	6/9	160,0	
Operating	18,000	411,311	7,403	1,009	6,394	-+
Merneta-Ocreola ISD	4,1080	864,798	3,976	398	3,578	∞0
Newson County ISD	5.7541	7,042,743	40,518	5,633	34,885	\$
Contact Education	2 0000	8,010,741	40,053	3,685	36,368	œ
State Education	1 3000	802 774 308	8 447	971	7,471	
White Cloud Library	1,3502	0,0,4,0,0	\$ 324,465	\$ 38,659	\$ 285,806	اوا
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Receipts					\$ 285.806	9
Total taxes collected						0
Collection tees Total receipts					\$ 289,046	ااوا
Disbursements						ų
Newaygo County (includes S.E.T.)					\$ 85,575	0 C
Monroe Township					6,980	
Big Jackson Schools					108,548	œ
White Cloud Schools					12.491	· =
Big Rapids Schools					3.577	
Mecosta-Osceola 1SD					34,885	
Newaygo County ISD					7,472	72
White Cloud Library					\$ 286,150	lΘ
Total disbursements						

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May 25, 2004

Members of the Township Board Monroe Township Newaygo County, MI

I recently completed my audit of the general purpose financial statements of Monroe Township for the year ended March 31, 2004. During my audit, I had an opportunity to test internal controls and to observe the accounting and financial procedures and many of the general management practices of the Township. Based upon these tests and observations, there are several matters that I specifically want to call to your attention.

BUDGET

The Township has a general fund and four special revenue funds all of which must be budgeted annually. The budget format currently being used by the Township is to make one budget that in some ways eneompasses all of these funds, although not adequately.

The Township should adopt a separate budget for each of these five funds.

In addition, any transfers that are to be made between these funds must also be budgeted. In one fund the transfer will be on the transfer in side, while the other fund will budget the transfer out side.

CLERK'S BOOKS ARE MUCH BETTER

The Clerk's books were much better than two years ago. She still needs to learn how the general ledger is properly used. The way it is being used now by her is doubling up on her work. The general ledger is a monthly summary of the detailed receipts and disbursements journals, there is no need to list every receipt and check in the general ledger also. I have discussed this need with the Clerk and if she needs additional assistance in learning how to use it, I can assist her if so desired. Proper use of the general ledger will provide a great deal more information to the Clerk and the Board every month.

OTHER MATTERS

I have enjoyed working with your staff. Their competence and assistance were instrumental in my timely completion of the audit.

Two copies of the audit report, the auditing procedures report, and this letter should be mailed to the Michigan Department of Treasury, Local Audit Division. A pre-addressed envelope is being provided for your convenience.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the audit, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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